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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, setting a three-month period for response. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 2, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 3, 11, 46, and 48-51 with the following amended versions of the claims, and add new claims 52-53. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below.